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SUBJ: PROJECT TOP SEA

REF: STATE 156909

1. EMBASSY NOTE, DATED JULY 22, 1974, TRANSMITTED TO GCOB
TEXT SET OUT REFTEL. GCOB REPLIED LATE JULY 26 WITH ITS NOTE
NO. 143, TEXT AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO
THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 79 OF THE 22ND JULY, 1974, REGARDING
PROJECT TOP SEA.

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE EMBASSY'S
NOTES NOS. 26, 61 AND 79 IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PROJECT TOP
SEA DOES NOT FALL WITHIN ARTICLE 5(8) OF THE GENEVA CONVEN-
TION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF 1958 AND THE MINISTRY
THEREFORE HOLDS THE VIEW THAT THE UNITED STATES AGENCIES
IN QUESTION DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO AFFIX ANYTHING ON THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE BAHAMAS AT COORDINATES 80W-2416N
AND 80W-2332N.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) UNQUOTE.

2. AS SUGGESTED PARAGRAPH 1, REFTEL, GCOB SEEMS TO HAVE
BOTH MISUNDERSTOOD (OR FORGOTTEN) WHY THESE BEACONS ARE TO
BE DEPLOYED AND MISREAD THE 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON THE
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CONTINENTAL SHELF. EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 26 OF MARCH 7, 1974,

PROVIDED GCOB WITH TOP SEA MISSION AS SET OUT IN STATE 41420, NAMELY AS PART OF PROGRAM "TO INSTALL AND TEST IN THE FLORIDA KEYS A NEW EARLY WARNING RADAR TO DETECT LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT APPROACHING OVER WATER."

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO RESPOND TO GCOB NOTE NO. 143 RECALLING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT FURNISHED IN EMBASSY NOTE NO. 26 AND STRESSING THAT, SINCE THE PROJECT DOES NOT INVOLVE "RESEARCH CONCERNING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF," ARTICLE 5(8) OF THE 1958 SHELF CONVENTION DOES NOT ARISE. EMBASSY WILL THEREFORE BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT GCOB INTERPRETATION OF THAT ARTICLE AS IT APPLIES TO TOP SEA.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND ANY SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WHICH DEPARTMENT BELIEVES MAY BE HELPFUL IN MAKING EMBASSY RESPONSE. SPIERS

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